



## Technology students at ISU bring home awards from TECA conference

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TERRE HAUTE— Students from Indiana State University's College of Technology took home top honors in three categories and placed in a fourth at the recent 2007 TECA Midwest Regional Conference in Peoria, Ill.

The Sycamores claimed the top prize in the biggest competition of the conference, the SME/TECA Live Manufacturing Contest. In this competition, teams were challenged to design, build and run a manufacturing process that produced the most product in the quickest, most efficient and safest manner. ISU's winning entry produced football tees.

"This was a very intense competition," said Kyle Lanoue, an industrial technology instructor with the College of Technology. "All of our students' hard work paid off in the end."

Team members Aaron Blout, Terre Haute; Chris Bowman, Brazil; Andy Hoffman, Jasper; Jim Piantedosi, Shelburn; and Dale Sharpe, Terre Haute, will travel to Salt Lake City to go head to head with other regional conference winners at the International Technology Education Association annual conference in February.

Bowman, Piantedosi and Sharpe placed first in the PITSCO problem-solving contest while the team of Blout, Danielle Duffy of Terre Haute, Hoffman and Piantedosi won the TECA Technology Challenge, a technology academic bowl competition sponsored by Goodheart-Willcox Publishers.

ISU's lone third-place finish came in the Kelvin Technologies/TECA transportation contest.

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